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**VETERANS, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND**  
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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**October 29, 2015**

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

- 1) SR 111 – reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
  - 2) A presentation by Susy Avery, Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Commission
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Chairwoman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Excused: none

Senator Knezek made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman announced the next order of business was Senate Resolution 111. Senator Knezek made opening remarks.

The following individuals testified before members to indicate their position on SR 111:

- John Cornack, Eisenhower Center and Jeri Epstein & Bill Huggins, Ambit Foundation—Support
- Mark Sutton, The American Legion of Michigan—Neutral

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position on SR 111 but did not wish to speak:

- Jack DeVine, Vietnam Vets of America—Support

Chairwoman O'Brien had the committee stand at ease at 2:31 p.m. She called the meeting back to order at 2:38 p.m.

Being no further testimony, Sen. Knezek made a motion to report Senate Resolution 111 with recommendation that it be adopted.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the resolution was reported.

A presentation was given by Susy Avery and Renee Haley with the Michigan Women's Commission.

Being no further business, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee:**

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.